

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Serial No.: 09/995,698 Confirmation No.: 2615  
Applicant: Andrew C. Gilbert  
Title: LINKING BIDS AND OFFERS IN A TRADING SYSTEM  
Filed: November 29, 2001  
Art Unit: 3693  
Examiner: Stefanos Karmis  
  
Atty. Docket: 00-1027  
Customer No. 63710

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Applicant hereby replies to the Office Action of December 24, 2009. Kindly amend the application as follows.

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant petitions for a three-month extension of time to reply to the Action of December 24, 2009, to and including June 24, 2010.

Kindly charge the petition fee to Deposit Account No. 50-3938, Order No. 00-1027.

**CLAIMS** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS** begin on page 11 of this paper.